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PERSONAL.

George Maritz Wahl has been appointed Assistant Professor of Modern Languages in Williams College (Williamstown, Mass.). Mr. Wahl's early training was received in Germany, where he attended the Gymnasium of Arnstadt and the Universities of Leipsic and Halle. In 1881 he received the degree of M. A. from Rutgers College (New Brunswick, N. J.), and in 1891 that of L. H. D. from the same institution. From 1873-79 he was engaged in teaching in a preparatory school of New Brunswick (N. J.), and from 1879-92 was master of Modern Languages in Thayer Academy, South Braintree, Mass. Prof. Wahl has prepared a revision of 'Otto's Elementary German Grammar,' and written the following articles: "The German Gymnasium in its working order" (*Atlantic Monthly*, 1889); "The German Boy at Leisure" (*ibid.*, 1889); "Fürst Bismark" (*Harper's Magazine*, 1890).

Dr. Daniel Kilham Dodge (cf. MOD. LANG. NOTES, vols. i, p. 128 and iv, p. 227) has been appointed to the Chair of the English Language and Literature at the University of Illinois (Champaign).

Dr. Henry R. Lang (cf. MOD. LANG. NOTES, vol. v, pp. 127, 191) has been appointed Assistant Professor of Romance Languages in Yale University (New Haven, Conn.).

Dr. Hugo A. Rennert has been appointed Assistant Professor of Romance Languages at the University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia), where he received the B. A. degree. He had been some time Instructor in French and German in his Alma Mater, when, at the close of 1890-91 he was granted leave of absence for a year's study in Europe, and he availed himself of this favorable opportunity to take the doctor's degree at the University of Freiburg in Baden. For this degree he presented a thesis entitled: "The Spanish Pastoral Romances," (cf. *Publications of the Mod. Lang. Association*, Vol. vii, No. 3).

E. L. Richardson has been appointed Instructor in Romance Languages at Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tenn.). Mr. Richardson was graduated at Indiana University in 1891, and spent the last academic year (1891-92) at Leland Stanford Junior University, where he received the A. M. degree. He has written "Further Notes to Gaston Paris' 'Extraits de la Chanson de Roland'" (MOD. LANG. NOTES, Vol. vii, pp. 156-157).

Edward E. Hale, Jr. (Ph. D., Halle, 1892) is now Professor of English at the State University of Iowa. Mr. Hale's chief work in Germany was linguistic in character under Sievers and Brandl. His dissertation, how-

ever, was upon a literary subject, "Die Chronologische Anordnung der Dichtungen Robert Herrick's." Halle, 1892.

OBITUARY.

THEODOR WISÉN.

ON the fifteenth of February of this year, Theodor Wisén, Professor of Old Norse at the University of Lund, Sweden, died after a short illness. Wisén was born in the parish of Vissefjärda, Sweden, March 31st, 1835. After devoting himself, with marked success, to the study of the classics, especially Greek, he suddenly turned his attention to the subject that was destined to become his life work, and in 1865 he was appointed to the professorship that he held at the time of his death. He is said by those who had the privilege of listening to him, to have had a remarkable faculty for kindling enthusiasm in his auditors, and both in the class room and in the seminary established by him, he was always sure of attracting a goodly number of the students of Lund University.

As an author, Wisén is perhaps best known by his edition of the 'Homiliu-bok,' (Lund, 1872) for which he received, two years later, the prize of the Swedish Royal Academy. In 1881, he published through the *Samfund til Udgivelse af gammel nordisk Literatur*, a collection of Icelandic rhymed poems under the title of 'Riddara-rimur,' the able introduction to which is of special value. Five years later, appeared a more extensive work on Icelandic poetry entitled 'Carmina Norræna,' containing text, commentary and a study of the metres, followed in 1889 by a glossary. Besides these three works, Wisén published a number of monographs, for the most part on Icelandic poetry, in various philological journals.

Wisén did not confine himself to his specialty. In 1889 he assisted in the publication of the second edition of the 'Ordlista' of the Academy. Some years before this he took an active part in the movement to continue the publication of the great dictionary of the Academy, being appointed the editor in chief. The actual editorship he transferred to K. F. Söderwall, retaining, however, a general supervision of the work. A specimen sheet of the dictionary was issued last winter, but to judge from the magnitude of the plan the first volume will probably not appear for some years. While Wisén's influence has been most deeply felt in his native land, his death is regretted by all lovers of the noble northern tongue in which he wrought so well.

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